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1. Source reports that the MUFTI has recently greatly increased his efforts to form a Provisional Arab Government in Jerusalem which will assume power on the termination of the Mandate. Since no unanimity on this matter exists among Arab governments, the MUFTI appears to be discussing his plans privately with individual politicians. He apparently has presented a detailed plan for a Palestine administration, which would consist mainly of the Arab officials now employed by the Palestine government.

2. While King 'ABDALLAH is said to be opposed to this plan, he seems to be prepared to give it grudging approval if the A.H.R. will renounce all military control and will undertake to attempt to persuade the Arab League to allow the Arab Legion to take over military control throughout the country.

3. The Syrian and Sa'udi Arabian governments are said to be opposed to 'ABDALLAH's conditions for his acceptance of the MUFTI's plan.

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